

REMARKS

The first paragraph of the specification (*i.e.*, the priority claim) has been amended to (i) include a section heading in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b)(2); (ii) include the patent number of the now-issued parent patent, of which the present application is a continuation; and (iii) correct various minor formalities in the priority claim.

Claims 1, 66, 68-72, 78, 126-132, 167-170, and 172 are pending in this application. Claims 2-65, 67, 73-77, 79-125, 133-166, 171, and 173 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The pending claims have been amended to recite embodiments wherein the substituent formerly designated R<sup>2</sup> in originally filed independent claims 1, 78, and 132 is benzyl (*i.e.*, phenylmethyl). Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification, for example, in Table 1 (*see* pages 39-40), Tables 2 and 3 (*see* pages 49-53), Tables 5-8 (*see* pages 55-62), and Table 9 (*see* pages 65-66).

The pending claims have also been amended to address formalities. For example, in pending dependent claims 66-72, 126-131, and 167-170, and 172 the articles “a” and “the” have been inserted in the claim preambles as appropriate, and the article “the” has been inserted in place of “a” where antecedent basis exists. Other clarifying amendments have been made that do not affect the scope of the pending claims.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

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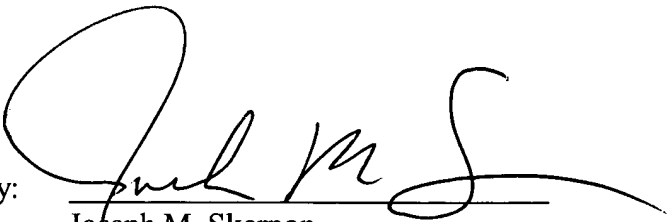
Prompt and favorable examination of pending claims 1, 66, 68-72, 78, 126-132, 167-170,  
and 172 on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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